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Relations Between the WFDY and Yugoslavian Youth Groups

1. There has been no contact between the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) and the official Yugoslavian Communist youth organization since the latter was expelled from the WFDY after the Tito-Stalin split. In November 1954, there was some discussion within the WFDY Secretariat about inviting the Yugoslav youth organization to send a delegation to the Warsaw Congress; however, no decision regarding this had been reached at the time source defected.
2. There were no pro-Soviet Yugoslav youth groups organized outside of Yugoslavia and there was no one at WFDY headquarters assigned the responsibility for matters dealing with Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia had more or less ceased to exist as far as the WFDY was concerned.

Regional Offices of the WFDY

3. There were no plans for moving WFDY headquarters from Budapest to Vienna; employees at headquarters in Budapest took for granted the fact that headquarters would remain in Budapest but that WFDY regional offices might possibly be opened eventually in London, Rome, and other capitals.
4. Source believed that the WFDY possibly has a small regional office in Paris because plans for opening an office there had been discussed in Budapest in 1954. This office is not an important one because all important questions that arise continue to be handled by headquarters in Budapest. Journalist Paul Gillet, a member of the French CP, who had been employed at WFDY headquarters from 1951 to 1953, was mentioned as head of the Paris office.

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